

THE BELHAM BUZZ

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

What a lovely morning I had yesterday! When the children were being dropped off at 8:45, I noticed that a lot of parents and pupils were carrying interesting looking food into the playground. I followed the food and quickly realised that Year 2 were hosting 'La Dolce Vita Breakfast' where children had the opportunity to sample a variety of breakfast items with their parents and with each other. There was a lovely atmosphere in our main hall and the whole event was very civilised! Thank you to the Year 2 team for organising such a successful and fun event.

As the school grows in size, so does its community. The Belham has reached the stage where we are looking to elect a parent governor to the governing body of the school. We would like to hold parent governor elections toward the end of October and we are particularly interested to hear from those with knowledge, skills or experience in finance. If you are interested, please contact me directly.

Finally, we are hosting our first charity day next Friday where the children are invited to attend school wearing non-uniform for a suggested donation of £1. The charity that we are supporting is called 'Over The Wall' and one of our parents is involved with the great work going on there. 'Over The Wall' supports children with serious illnesses by providing free, transformative, residential activity camps. Rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, 'Over The Wall' provides a safe environment for children to build confidence and self-esteem while first-class medical care ensures they can cater for more than 130 different conditions. If you would like to find out more about this charity, a separate handout will be sent out with the Belham Buzz.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Between 15 - 18 October we will be collecting donations for the Southwark Foodbank. Donation boxes will be placed in the playground and office. Please find attached a list of items that they particularly need.

Creative reflection time next week will be about

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KEY DATES

Wednesday 10 October

9.00 coffee morning after drop off followed by workshop about 'Managing Behaviour at the Belham'. If you would like to attend the workshop please book in via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/behaviour-at-the-belham-tickets-50850054883>

Thursday 11 October

Reception visit to Peckham Library

SLEEP CAFE

Several parents have expressed an interest in learning more about supporting their child to sleep well. In response to this, we will be providing an additional coffee morning on Tuesday 6 November. Lorraine Thomas (CEO, The Parenting Academy) will be at The Belham to discuss and offer advice. Places can be booked via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sleep-cafe-tickets-50849762007>

FACEBOOK GROUPS

The Friends of Belham are in the process of setting up a school wide Facebook page. Please note that this will be run by FoB and should not be used to contact the school. In order for them to have some time to get this together, the existing groups will remain until half term. After this point, they will be deleted.

PARENT WORKSHOPS/COFFEE MORNINGS

We now have a 'Parent Workshops' tab on our website <http://www.thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk/parent-workshops.html>

Here you will be able to find a list of all past and future workshops. In the case of past workshops you will be able to find any available presentations. For example the presentation from the Phonics Workshop can now be accessed from this page.

In the case of future workshops you will be able to book into them directly from the website using the individual Eventbrite links.

PLASTIC BOTTLES WANTED!

We are collecting plastic drinks bottles (any size) for an Arts project we will be doing in collaboration with The London College of Communication. There will be a labelled 'recycling bin' in the playground from Monday. We would be grateful for your donations.

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

Friends of
Belham



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FoB NEWS

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on 7 November from 8pm at the school building (enter via office-side gate) The FoB committee will present our activities and monies raised over the previous year and what purchases or contributions we have made on behalf of the school. Committee members and class representatives are formally appointed at the AGM so if you're interested in this, or would just like to learn more about FoB and what we have done over the past year, please come along.

Parents' Evening

At this term's parents' evening (17 and 18 October), representatives from FoB will also be in attendance so if you'd like to informally chat through FoB activities before/after your teacher appointment, you are most welcome to do so.

School Disco

Get those glad rags on, because it's..... school disco time! This term's disco-fest will be held on 9 November at The Peckham Liberal Club, Elm Grove, SE15 5DE, about a 5-minute walk from the school. Sessions are as follows:

Reception: 3:45pm – 4:30pm

Years 1 and 2: 4:45pm – 5:30pm

Years 3 and 4: 5:45pm – 6:30pm

Non-school siblings are welcome, school siblings can strut their stuff alongside their older/younger brothers/sisters, all can come. Entry is £3 on the door per cha-cha-ing child and there are refreshments to buy during the session. Parents can use the Liberal Club cash only bar but must remain within their children throughout.

Quiz Night

The quiz night, one of the biggest FoB events of the year, is set for 15 November at The Peckham Liberal Club, Elm Grove, SE15 5DE. This is strictly for adults only! Tickets are £8 each and watch this space for more info. The Liberal Club has a cash only bar and FoB will be organising food for the evening.

FoB NEWS

Cake Sale

That termly ritual of the cake sale is back, this time after-school on 19 October! We would be grateful for nut-free donations from parents/carers, to be brought into the office area of the school on the morning of the cake sale. Please name any Tupperware boxes so we can return these to you. The cake sale itself will be held from 3.25pm in the main playground. Please bring your loose change and those children attending Owls will also be brought out by Owls staff to join in the cake-scoffing fun – so please do give your children change for that day. Cake sale profits this time will be going towards maintenance and upkeep costs of the garden on Copleston Road used by the children during school. FoB will also be selling our popular reusable metal water bottles for £6 each.

And....Year 4 Cake Sale Helpers Needed!

We still need some children from Year 4 to help out at the cake sale on 19 October. Volunteer Year 4-ers have permission from the school to come out to the main playground at 3pm and they'll need to stay until around 4pm - with their parent/carer throughout. If your Year 4-er is interested, please email Ginnie on

ginb27@hotmail.com

FoB Facebook Group

FoB will be launching their own Facebook page, across all school years, which parents/carers can choose to be members of. The idea behind the FoB Facebook page is to communicate to the wider parent/carer group FoB activities and events as well as providing a forum for parent-to-parent dialogue. Please watch this space for more info.